Claims

Claim 1. A tool for removing a hinge pin from the rest of a hinge when the hinge pin includes a hinge pin shaft with a predetermined hinge pin shaft diameter and a hinge pin head with a predetermined hinge pin head diameter that is larger than the hinge pin shaft diameter, the tool comprising:

an elongated member having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion;

a handle on the proximal end portion of the elongated member for a user to grasp in a hand of the user; and

a forked tip on the distal end portion of the elongated member for the user to wedge between the hinge pin head and the hinge for purposes of facilitating hinge removal;

wherein the forked tip on the distal end portion of the elongated member includes spaced apart first and second hinge-pin-dislodging tongs that define a channel having a width between the first and second hinge-pin-dislodging tongs that is larger than the hinge pin shaft diameter and smaller than the hinge pin head diameter in order to enable the channel to receive the hinge pin shaft as the user wedges the first and second hinge-pin-dislodging tongs between the hinge pin head and the rest of the hinge.

Claim 2. A tool as recited in claim **1**, wherein the first and second hinge-pin-dislodging tongs are beveled inwardly toward each other.

Claim 3. A tool as recited in claim **1**, wherein the elongated member is composed of metal.

Claim 4. A tool as recited in claim **1**, wherein the width of the channel is slightly greater than 9/16 of an inch in order to accommodate a hinge pin shaft diameter of about 9/16 of an inch.

Claim 5. A tool as recited in claim **1**, wherein the channel has a length that is about three-eighths of an inch long.

Claim 6. A tool as recited in claim **1**, wherein the width of the channel increases distally.